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Note for Mr. Bannerman:

STAT and [] Per your request, I requested comments and reactions from Bob Wattles on the memoranda from John Bross on "CIA Graduate Association." The following are the oral comments I received:

Wattles

He questions if the purpose of the organization is to establish an alumni group or a fund raising group for the Educational Aid Fund. If it is the former, the definitions of "graduate" should be defined and he anticipates difficulties in accomplishing this; if it is the latter, he recommends raising the contribution request.

He anticipates that the Office of Personnel would be requested to provide the names and addresses of alumni and this would result in additional work for his personnel.

STAT If it is felt that such a proposal should be considered in the framework of [] program for retirees. However, he assumes "alumni" is not confined to retirees.

He feels one of the major problems would be sustaining continuing interest and viability for such a group. He suggested the following as possible areas for continuing activities: exploitation for recruitment purposes, public relations, retiree employment, and academic and business relations.

He has personal reservations concerning Pforzheimer's back-stopping this program in the Agency. Wattles fears he would tend to pass the work onto others in the Agency.

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In Osborn's absence, [] checked the files and found that in August 1964 the Office of Security has officially stated "no objection" to a proposal to establish an alumni association. Unfortunately, the paper presenting the proposal has been lost.

He stated that he could see no official security objections to the proposed organization but he did have certain informal reservations.

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An accepted fact would be that certain ground rules would be required concerning the categories of ex-employees who could not participate - i.e., certain DD/P types.

He foresees problems in deciding who will be selected to join. He fears that those who are not selected will wonder if they were excluded for security reasons.

If security briefings or clearances are involved in any way he would want to reconsider his "no objection" position.



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